

[20th August 1925]

Irrigation.*Repair of the northern bank of the Kolladam river.*

* 167 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the people in Trichinopoly district that the northern bank of the Kolladam river has not been repaired well and that it is likely to give way before a fresh flood; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government in the matter?

A.—(a) The Government believe that representations have been made to the Executive officers of the Public Works Department.

(b) The necessary steps are being taken to improve the protection of the bank.

Improvement of the supply of Harpanahalli tank.

* 168 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the existence of an incomplete channel the excavation of which was commenced several years ago to improve the supply of Harpanahalli tank in the Bellary district;

(b) the length of the channel so far excavated and of that yet remaining to be done to complete the channel; and

(c) whether provision has been made for the completion of the channel, and if not, when it would be made?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“Will the Government be pleased to call for the information?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Yes.”

The subordinate staff in Godavari and Kistna deltas.

* 169 Q.—Mr. M. SEETAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any orders regarding the restoration of the subordinate staff in the Godavari and Kistna deltas which had been dispensed with in 1923 and also about the increase of subdivisions in the above deltas; and

(b) the number of subdivisions that have been restored and the number of new sections that is proposed to be increased?

A.—The Government have approved of the formation of two additional subdivisions and 12 additional sections in the delta areas of the Kistna Eastern, Central and Western divisions and the Godavari Western division.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU:—“May I know whether the Government are aware that the order is not given effect to until now?”

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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“The order was passed quite recently, because there was a variety of opinions expressed on the expediency of the measure. Finally, the Government have, as is noted down here, approved of the formation of two additional subdivisions and twelve additional sections. Having regard to what has fallen from the hon. Member I shall see that it is given effect to immediately.”

Construction of locks for Elicre canal, etc.

* 170 Q.—Mr. M. SEETAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is proposed to construct a lock at the head of the Ellore canal and a lock at the head of the Bandar canal in the Kistna delta and if so, when ?

A.—Yes ; the works will be begun this year.

Restoration of the anicut across the Noyal river.

* 171 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) in what state the matter of restoring the anicut across the Noyal river near Agraahara Periapalayam is at present ;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer recommended the restoration and the Superintending Engineer approved of the recommendation ;
- (c) what the estimated cost of the restoration is ; and
- (d) when the work is going to be commenced and when it is expected to be finished ?

A.—(a) Detailed estimates are being prepared by the Superintending Engineer.

(b) Yes.

(c) Roughly Rs. 15,000 for restoring the anicut, and Rs. 2,500 for excavating the channel.

(d) The work will be begun when the estimates are sanctioned and funds provided.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“The amount being a small one, may I know whether the Executive Engineer or the Superintending Engineer that should sanction the money, or the Government ?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Government, Sir.”

Mr. O. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“Will the Government be pleased to see that the money is allotted as early as possible ?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“They will do their best, Sir.”

Anicut across the Noyal river.

* 172 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether there has been a proposal to put up an anicut across the Noyal river near Anaipalaiyam, a few miles from the Uttukuli railway station in the Coimbatore district ;